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A Calendar Record of British Valour and Achievement on Five Continents and on the Seven Seas

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DEDICATION.

To all the loyal hearts who long
To keep our English Empire whole!
To all our noble sons, the strong
New England of the Southern Pole!
To England under Indian skies,
To those dark millions of her realm!
To Canada whom we love and prize,
Whatever statesman hold the helm.
Hands all round!
God the traitor's hope confound!
To this great name of England drink, my friends,
And all her glorious Empire round and round.

—Tennyson.

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land?
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned,
From wandering on a foreign strand?

—Scott.

PREFACE.

In these days when, in many ways, the Empire seems to be in need of all the support her sons all over the world can give without stint, it seems that many an indifferent Britisher in the Dominions beyond the seas might find a needed tonic if, day by day, he could read of some of England's deeds of valour, of unselfish championing of the weak, of national prowess or of some great law passed for the common good. It seems also that the strengthening process might be increased if he could have before him, in concrete form, a periodic reminder of important happenings in the component parts of our vast Empire — when each was discovered, annexed, recognized, granted self-governing powers, and confederated with its neighbors : then, as a new nation, when it furnished men and money for the various wars of the Empire, and finally,—the more honour to those who have done so—when it offered contribution in some form to that bulwark of the nation, the Royal Navy.

It is to be hoped that in reading this day by day many a backbone will be stiffened and that many a hitherto—from an Empire standpoint—selfish man will exclaim with Browning : "Here and here did England help me ; how can I help England ? Say ! "

For most of the dates included in this little book I am indebted to Hayden's *Dictionary of Dates*, while I have also consulted Collier's *History of the British Empire*, Tait's *Analysis of English History*, Blair's *Chronological Tables*, and several other works.

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TORONTO, January, 1910.

JANUARY.

1. Drake captured San Domingo, 1586.
   Union of Parliaments of Great Britain and Ireland; Present Union Jack first flown, 1801.
   First Legislative Assembly, Newfoundland, 1833.
   Queen Victoria proclaimed Empress of India, in India, 1877.
   Upper Burmah annexed, 1886.
   Northern Nigeria made protectorate, 1900.
   Commonwealth of Australia proclaimed, 1901.
2. General Wolfe born, 1726.
   Calcutta taken by Clive and Black Hole Massacre avenged, 1757.
3. Blake beat the Dutch in English Channel, 1653.
   "The United Empire Association," started in Ottawa, announced 1897.
4. Triple Alliance formed between England, France and Holland, 1717.
   Attack on Rangoon and Irrawady blockaded, 1852.
5. Columbus discovered West Indies, 1492.
   Port Philip Bay discovered, 1802.
   Cape of Good Hope taken from the Dutch, 1806.
6. Peace made with Holkar, 1818.
7. Orders in Council against the Berlin Decree, 1807.
9. Nelson's funeral at St. Paul's, 1806.
   Prince of Wales (King Edward) presents colours to the first Canadian regiment of the line, 1859.
11. Victory over Maoris, New Zealand, 1846.
12. Attack of 30,000 Sepoys repulsed at Alumbagh, 1854.
13. Sir Hugh Gough wins Battle of Chillianwallah, 1849.
14. Cayenne captured from the French, 1809.
15. British Museum opened, 1759.
16. Victory and death of Sir John Moore at Corunna, 1809.
    An English merchant vessel defeats four privateers and takes 170 prisoners, 1811.

16. British Control established in Egypt (under Lord Cromer), 1883.
17. Occupation of Coomassie, 1896.
18. General Gordon left London for the Soudan, 1884.
19. Ciudad Rodrigo captured, 1812.
    Aden occupied, 1839.
20. First gathering of what now constitutes the House of Commons, 1265.
    Hong Kong ceded to Britain, 1841.
    First Provincial Parliament met, Quebec, 1869.
    Troops left New Zealand for South Africa, 1900.
21. Vaccination introduced (discovered 1796) by Dr. Jenner, 1799.
22. Natal saved to England by action at Rorke's Drift, 1879.
    Queen Victoria died, 1901.
23. William Pitt (the younger) died, 1806.
    Proclamation of King Edward VII., 1901.
24. Expedition started against Sikkim, 1888.
26. Gov. Arthur Phillip founded Sydney, Australia, 1788.
    Sikhs defeated at Aliwal, 1846.
    Death of General Gordon at Khartoum, 1885.
27. Ottawa agreed upon and declared the capital of Canada, 1858.
28. Drake died, 1596.
    Alexander Mackenzie, Canada, born, 1822.
29. Warrant first issued for the institution of the Victoria Cross, 1856.
    Conference of Australian Premiers at Hobart, 1895.
    Conference of Australian Premiers at Sydney (Military Defence), 1896.
30. New Zealand united with New South Wales, 1840.
31. Treaty signed defining boundaries of British Empire and Russia in Asia, 1873.

FEBRUARY.

1. Royal Naval College opened, 1873.
2. First meeting of Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, 1806.
   The Gold Coast acquired from the Dutch, 1872.
3. The taking of Montevideo, 1807.
   Sir H. Smith proclaimed sovereignty over Orange and Vaal River Territories, 1848.
4. The taking of Port Royal, 1762.
5. Wolseley took Coomassie, 1874.
6. Admiral Duckworth won victory of St. Domingo, 1806.
   Holding of conference at Melbourne to consider Confederation, 1890.
7. The annexation of Oude, 1856.
8. John Ruskin born, 1819.
9. Taking of Grand Pré, Acadia, 1746.
10. Signing of first Treaty of Paris, whereby Canada is ceded to Britain, 1763.
    Upper and Lower Canada united, 1840.
    Battle of Sobraon. The Punjab conquered, 1846.
    Admiral Lord Charles Beresford born, 1846.
11. Nana Sahib finally defeated, 1859.
12. Darwin born, 1807.
    Admiral Cochrane captured Valdivia, 1820.
    Gold found near Bathurst, Australia, 1851.
    New South Wales offered troops for the Soudan, 1885.
13. Victoria, Australia, offered troups for the Soudan, 1885.
14. Admiral Sir John Jervis won Battle of Cape St. Vincent. English 15 sail, Dutch 27. 1797.
    Legislative Assembly granted to British Columbia, 1871.
    Dr. Graham Bell sent first telephone message, Brantford, Canada, 1876.
15. Kimberley relieved, 1900.
16. Taking of Martinique, 1762.

17. Sir Charles Napier defeated Ameer of Scinde at Meanee, 1843.
18. Dutch defeated off Portland. 41 ships captured. 1653.
    Taking of Trinidad, 1797.
19. Passage of the Dardanelles forced by the English, 1807.
20. Occupation of Hyderabad, 1843.
    Sir Hugh Gough occupied Lahore, 1846.
    Royal assent given to the Tasmanian Woman Suffrage Bill, 1904.
21. Gujerat. Sikhs defeated by Gen. Gough, 1849.
22. British force took Ogdensburg, U.S.A., 1813.
    Danish possessions in India purchased, 1845.
    General Sir R. S. S. Baden-Powell born, 1857.
23. Source of the Nile discovered by Speke and Grant, 1863.
24. Peace arranged with Burmah. Assam ceded to England. 1826.
    Order of the Star of India instituted, 1861.
25. Election of the first Responsible Government in the Transvaal, 1907.
26. Lord Cromer born, 1841.
    Taking of Canton, 1841.
    The troopship "Birkenhead" wrecked, 1852.
27. Battle of Paardeberg, 1900.
28. Battle of El Teb. Soudan. 1884.
    Relief of Ladysmith by General Buller, 1900.
    Imperial Government transferred Esquimalt, B.C., to Canada, 1905.

When Britain first at Heaven's command
Arose from out the azure main,
This was the charter of her land,
And guardian angels sung the strain:
Rule Britannia! Britannia rules the waves!
Britons never shall be slaves.

—James Thomson.

MARCH.

1. St. David's Day.
   Opening of Indo-European telegraph, 1865.
2. Meeting of conference at Sydney to discuss Australian federation, 1891.
3. Australia's Contingent sailed from Sydney, N.S.W., for the Soudan, 1885.
4. British Empire League meeting held in Ottawa, 1896.
6. Natives of Gambia subdued by the English, 1894.
7. Admiral Collingwood died, 1810.
8. French beaten at Battle of Aboukir Bay, 1801.
9. Hudson's Bay Company Territories purchased, 1869.
10. Kandahar occupied, 1842.
    Marriage of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, 1863.
11. First London daily paper published, 1709.
    The Khyber Pass declared open, 1898.
12. Victoria, Australia, contributed £67,000 to South African War funds, 1900.
13. Lord Roberts entered Bloemfontein, 1900.
14. French fleet defeated, 1795.
15. 10,000 volunteers enrolled to defend Canada against invasion by Fenians from U.S.A., 1866.
    Opening of new Legislature, Manitoba, 1871.
    Opening of new Legislature, Alberta, 1906.
16. The Prince and Princess of Wales sailed from Portsmouth on Imperial tour of the world, 1901.
17. St. Patrick's Day.
    Windward Islands created a colony, 1885.
18. Stamp Act repealed, 1766.
19. Lucknow re-taken from the Sepoys, 1858.
21. Bungalore taken by Cornwallis, 1791.
    Abercromby's victory at Alexandria, 1801.
22. Lucknow finally captured by English, 1858.

23. Halifax, Canada, "Gazette" established, 1752.
    Antigua created a Crown Colony, 1848.
    Lord Milner born, 1854.
24. Flemish fleet of 100 sail defeated by English; 80 captured, 1387.
    Hyderabad captured by English, 1843.
25. Abolition of Slave Trade by Britain, 1807.
26. Cecil Rhodes died, 1902.
27. By Treaty of Amiens England retained Ceylon and Trinidad, 1802.
28. Crimean War declared, 1854.
29. Punjab annexed to British dominions, 1849.
    Act of Confederation of Canada passed, 1867.
    British North America Act passed, 1867.
30. Peace with Russia after Crimean War, 1856.
31. National Church Convocation repudiated Papal authority in England, 1534.
    McGill University, Montreal, established, 1821.

Love thou thy land, with love far-brought
From out the storied Past, and used
Within the Present, but transfused
Thro' future time by power of thought.

True love turn'd round on fixed poles,
Love, that endures not sordid ends,
For English natures, freemen, friends,
Thy brothers and immortal souls.

—Tennyson.

APRIL.

1. Australian Confederation chooses the title "Commonwealth," 1891.
2. Battle of the Baltic. Of 23 Danish fleet, 18 were taken or destroyed by Nelson, 1801.
   Holkar defeated by General Lake, 1805.
3. Forts of Canton captured, 1847.
4. First Colonial Conference held in London, 1887.
5. Gen. Pollock escaped from Jelalabad, forcing the Khyber Pass, 1842.
6. British under Wellington carried Badajoz by assault, 1812.
7. Earl of Chatham died, 1778.
8. Battle of Atbara, 1898.
9. Entente Cordiale between England and France signed, 1904.
10. Coorg annexed, 1834.
11. By Treaty of Utrecht England acquired Gibraltar, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Hudson Bay, 1713.
    Naval victory in the Basque Roads, 1809.
12. Rodney won Battle of "The Saints" in the West Indies, 1782.
    Rangoon annexed, 1852.
    Transvaal first annexed, 1877.
13. Warren Hastings created Governor of Bengal, 1772.
    Roman Catholic Relief Bill passed, 1829.
    Magdala stormed by Sir Robert Napier, 1868.
14. Tobago taken by the English, 1793.
15. Fourth Colonial Conference met in London, 1907.
16. First railway in India opened, 1853.
17. Death of Blake, 1657.
    French fleet off Dominica defeated by Rodney. 1780.
18. Relief of Chitral, 1895.
19. Primrose Day. Benjamin D'Israeli, Lord Beaconsfield, died, 1881.

20. Spanish treasure ships destroyed in Santa Cruz, by Blake, who "singed the Spaniard's beard," 1657.
21. Shakespeare born (?) 1564 (baptized April 26th).
22. Odessa bombarded, 1854.
23. St. George's Day.
    Shakespeare died, 1616.
24. San Juan, Honduras, founded, 1780.
25. Oliver Cromwell born, 1599.
    Canada's Preferential Tariff to Great Britain, adopted at Ottawa, 1892.
28. Act of Uniformity passed, 1559.
    Cook landed at Botany Bay and named the country New South Wales, 1770.

This royal throne of kings, this scepter'd isle,
This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,
This other Eden, demi-paradise,
This fortress, built by nature for herself
Against infection and the hand of war,
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands,
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England!

—Shakespeare.

MAY.

1. Union of English and Scotch Parliaments, 1707.
   Duke of Wellington born, 1769.
   Great Exhibition opened in London, 1851.
   Queen Victoria proclaimed in London as "Empress of India," 1876. (In India, January 1, 1877.)
2. Dollard repulsed the Iroquois, Canada, 1660.
3. William Penn captured Jamaica, 1655.
   Anson won naval battle off Finisterre and captured 38 of French fleet, 1747.
   New Zealand proclaimed a separate colony, 1841.
4. The United Empire Loyalists withdrew to Canada from U.S., 1783.
   Seringapatam taken by assault, 1799.
5. Columbus discovered Jamaica, 1494.
   Wellington won Battle of Fuentes d'Onoro, 1811.
   Rangoon taken, 1824.
6. British fleet raised siege of Quebec by U. S. army, 1776.
   Oswego, U. S., captured by the British, 1814.
7. England and Scotland united under one king, 1603.
   Nelson's ship the "Victory," launched at Chatham, 1765.
9. First Commonwealth Parliament, Australia, opened by the Prince of Wales, 1901.
10. Twelve Algerian ships of war destroyed by Sir Edward Spragg, 1671.
    The slave trade on the Nile suppressed by Sir Samuel Baker, 1869.
11. Pitt, Earl of Chatham, "The great Commoner," died, 1778.
    First High Commissioner for Canada, Sir Alexander Galt, appointed in London, 1880.
12. Oporto taken by Wellington, 1809.
    Natal proclaimed as British Territory, 1843.
13. Battle of Lewes. Barons victorious against King John, [1264.
    Hudson's Bay Company formed, 1670.

MAY.

14. Simcoe, first Governor of Upper Canada, arrived at Kingston, 1792.
15. Tippo Sahib defeated at Battle of Arikera, 1791.
    Riel captured (Canada), 1885.
16. Siege of Quebec by French army raised by British fleet. 1760.
17. Relief of Mafeking, General Baden-Powell defender, 1900.
18. Maisonneuve founded Montreal, 1642.
19. Blake defeated the Dutch in Dover Strait, 1652.
    French and Dutch defeated by English at Cape La Hogue, 1692.
    Last English regiments withdrawn from Canada, 1906.
20. Acre relieved by Sir Sydney Smith, 1799.
    French fleet defeated off Madagascar, 1811.
21. Flag raised at Cloudy Bay, New Zealand, 1840.
    Manchester ship canal opened by the Queen, 1894.
22. First Parliament under Responsible Government, Sydney, N.S.W., 1856.
23. Marlborough defeated French at Battle of Ramillies, 1706.
    Empire Day first commemorated, Canada 1898.
24. Queen Victoria born, 1819.
    Victoria Day, in Canada and South Africa, inaugurated, 1904.
    Empire Day. (Great Britain, etc.), inaugurated, 1904.
25. Habeas Corpus Act passed, 1679.
26. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales born, 1867.
    New South Wales Defence Guard established, 1896.
28. Orange River Colony annexed, 1900.
29. U. S. troops defeated at Sackett's Harbour, 1813.
    Johannesburg captured by the English, 1900.
30. Wei-Hai-Wei occupied by Great Britain, 1898.
31. Lord Durham arrived in Canada, 1838.

JUNE.

1. Lord Howe won naval engagement with the French fleet in the English Channel, 1794.
   Action between the "Shannon" and "Chespeake." English won, 1813.
   West Australia founded, 1829.
   Peace proclaimed in South Africa, 1902.
2. Dutch defeated by Monk in naval battle off North Foreland, 1653.
   Hyder Ali defeated, 1782.
3. Duke of York captured 18 men-of-war and destroyed 14 of Dutch fleet off Harwich, 1665.
   H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, born, 1865.
4. Cyprus ceded by Turkey for administration by England. Sir Garnet Wolseley, Lord High Comm'r, 1878.
   Meeting of 60 Chambers of Commerce on Imperial trade at Toronto, 1902.
5. U. S. troops defeated at Battle of Stony Creek, 1813.
   Lord Roberts entered Pretoria, 1900.
   Opening of Imperial Press Conference, London, 1909.
6. Americans routed at Battle of Burlington Heights, 1813.
   Sir John Macdonald died, Canada, 1891.
   A "Dreadnought" offered to Great Britain by Australia, [1909.
7. First Reform Bill passed, 1832.
8. U. S. force repulsed at Three Rivers, 1776.
   Meeting of first Parliament at Ottawa, 1866.
10. Richard Seddon (Premier of New Zealand) died, 1906.
11. "Four days' Battle," Dutch defeated, 1666.
13. Fort Frontenac (now Kingston) Canada, founded 1673.
14. A "Dreadnought" offered to Great Britain by New Zealand, 1909.
15. Magna Charta signed at Runnymede, 1215.
17. St. Alban, first English martyr, put to death 304.
    Sovereignty proclaimed over Middle Island, New Zealand, 1804.

JUNE.

18. Battle of Waterloo, 1815.
19. Shanghai taken, 1842.
    Gwalior re-taken, 1858.
20. Accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.
    Celebration of Queen Victoria's Golden and Diamond Jubilees, 1887-97.
21. Halifax, Canada, founded, 1749.
    Quebec "Gazette" established, 1764.
    Utter defeat of King Joseph and French at the Battle of Vittoria, 1813.
    Lord Dufferin born, 1826.
    Zululand became a protectorate, 1887.
22. Lord Bridport won naval victory over French off L'Orient, 1795.
    Mysore partitioned, 1799.
23. Battle of Plassey won by Clive. (British 3,000; Hindoos 68,000). 1757.
    Defence of "The Ridge," Delhi, 1857.
    First volunteer troops reviewed by Queen Victoria, 1860.
24. English naval victory at Sluys, 1340.
    Newfoundland discovered by Cabot, 1497.
    John Hampden died, 1643.
    U. S. detachment captured at Beaver Dams, 1813.
    Lord Kitchener born, 1850.
25. Taku forts bombarded, 1859.
26. By Treaty of Tien-sin five Chinese ports opened for trade, [1856.
    Victoria Crosses first presented, 1857.
27. English defeated French at Battle of Dettingen, 1747.
28. Coronation of Queen Victoria, 1838.
    Colonial Conference held at Ottawa. Imperial unity strongly urged, 1894.
30. Representative Goverment granted New Zealand, 1852.

JULY.

1. Jacques Cartier landed at Esquimaux Bay, 1534.
   Hyder Ali defeated, 1781.
   Victoria, Australia, created a separate colony, 1850.
   Meeting of first Parliament, Cape Colony, 1854.
   Dominion of Canada proclaimed, 1867.
   Prince Edward Island entered Confederation, 1873.
   Dominion Day inaugurated, Canada, 1899.
2. Lord Monck appointed first Governor of Canada, 1867.
3. Quebec founded by Champlain, 1608.
4. Responsible Government granted to Natal, 1893.
5. Island of Chusan occupied by English, 1840.
   Cecil Rhodes born, 1853.
6. Marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, 1893.
7. Colonial Premiers made members of Privy Council, 1897.
8. Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain born, 1836.
9. Commonwealth of Australia Act passed, 1900.
10. Introduction of Penny Postage, 1840.
11. Marlborough routed the French at Oudenarde, 1708.
    Black Rock captured by British, 1813.
    Bombardment of Alexandria. "Well done Condor!" 1882.
12. Harbor and docks completed, Cape Town, 1870.
13. Meeting of first Legislative Council at Sydney, N.S.W., 1829.
14. First Railway in Canada opened, 1836.
15. Napoleon surrendered to English Government on board H.M.S. "Bellerophon," 1815.
    Manitoba and North-West Territories added to Dominion of Canada, 1870.
17. Cawnpore captured by Havelock, 1857.
19. Spanish Armada sighted off Plymouth, 1588.
    Canadian Manufacturers' Association received by the King, 1905.
20. Two English vessels captured 36 French vessels, 1811.
    British Columbia entered Confederation, 1871.
    Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec, 1908.

JULY.

21. Robert Burns died, 1796.
22. Wellington defeated French at Battle of Salamanca, 1812.
23. The administration of Cyprus by England commenced, 1878.
24. Gibraltar reduced by Admiral Rooke, 1704.
    Fort Niagara taken by English, 1759.
    Nelson lost his right arm at Santa Cruz, 1797.
    Tumut chosen Capital of Australia, 1903.
25. French fleet destroyed by Boscawen at Louisbourg, 1758.
    American troops defeated at Lundy's Lane, Canada, 1814.
    First locomotive used, 1814.
    First aeroplane crossed English Channel from France, 1909.
26. Naval victory over Dutch, who lost 24 men-of-war, 4 admirals and 4,000 seamen, 1666.
    Louisbourg captured by Wolfe, 1758.
    Khyber Pass forced by Gen. Wade, 1839.
27. Bank of England incorporated, 1694.
    The first decisive success of the Electric Telegraph, 1837.
    First message sent over the Atlantic cable, 1866.
28. Wellington defeated Soult at Talavera, 1809.
29. Spanish Armada finally defeated by English fleet under Effingham, 1588.
    Quebec taken by Kirke, 1629.
30. Prince of Wales (King Edward) landed at Halifax, 1860.
    Great bridge over St. Lawrence opened, 1887.
31. English under Blake captured 30 Dutch men-of-war at the Texel and killed Admiral Von Tromp, 1653.
    Naval victory off Passaro, won by Byng over Spaniards, 1718.

AUGUST.

1. English defeated French at Battle of Minden, 1759.
   Battle of the Nile, Nelson's great victory, 1798.
   Preferential Tariff between Canada and Great Britain came into effect, 1898.
2. Battle of Blenheim, Marlborough's victory, 1704.
3. French armies driven over Pyrenees by Wellington after fall of San Sebastian, 1813.
   Transvaal restored to Boers, 1881.
4. Gwalior taken, 1778.
   East India docks in London opened, 1806.
5. St. John's, Newfoundland, taken by Sir H. Gilbert, 1583.
   Parker defeated Dutch fleet off the Dogger Bank, 1781.
   Alfred, Lord Tennyson, born 1809.
   Tecumseh defeated U. S. troops at Brownstown, 1812.
   "Royal William" (first Atlantic steamship) sailed from Quebec, 1833.
6. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal born, 1820.
7. Death of Admiral Blake, 1657.
8. Natal annexed, 1843.
9. Coronation of King Edward VII., 1902.
10. Straits Settlements made into separate dependency, 1866.
11. River St. Lawrence discovered, 1535.
    Byng defeated Spanish fleet off Cape Passaro, 1718.
12. England gains sovereignty over Bengal and other provinces, 1765.
    First colonial bishop consecrated (Dr. Inglis, Nova Scotia), 1787.
    Wellington entered Madrid, 1812.
    Second Anglo-Japanese Treaty signed, 1905.
13. Imperial Defence Act passed, 1888.
14. Havana captured by Albermarle, 1763.
    Lord Roberts defeated Gwalior rebels, 1858.
15. Naval victory off Harfleur; 500 French ships taken or destroyed, 1416.

AUGUST.

15. Rupert's Land formed into Province of Manitoba, 1870.
    Responsible Government granted to West Australia, 1890.
16. New Brunswick made a province, 1783.
    General Brock captured Detroit, 1812.
17. Gold discovered in the Yukon, 1896.
18. Battle off Cape Lagos, won by Boscawen, 1789.
19. Admiral Benbow fought alone against the French fleet at Carthagena, 1702.
20. Leeward Islands federated, 1871.
    Naval Brigade occupied Port Said, 1882.
21. Battle of Vimeiro, Peninsular War. Wellesley defeated French, 1808.
22. Warren Hastings died, 1818.
23. Pondicherry re-occupied, 1793.
    Hong-Kong captured by Elliot, 1839.
24. Sarnia Tunnel (Canada) completed, 1890.
    Afridis defeated, 1897.
25. Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company, London, formed, 1537.
    Fort Niagara captured by Sir William Johnson, 1759.
    Victoria Bridge, Montreal, opened by the Prince of Wales, 1860.
26. French beaten by Edward III. at Crecy, 1346.
    Trincomalee taken from Dutch, 1795.
    Amoy taken, 1841.
27. Algiers bombarded, 1816.
28. First cathedral in the colonies founded at Quebec, 1804.
29. Naval victory off Winchelsea, Edward III. crushed Spaniards, 1350.
    Slavery finally abolished, 1833.
    Melbourne founded, 1835.
31. Fight of the "Revenge." Sir Richard Grenville, 1591.
    Siege of San Sebastian, 1813.

SEPTEMBER.

1. East India Company dissolved, 1858.
   Corner-stone of Ottawa Parliament Buildings laid by the Prince of Wales, 1860.
   All British possessions on Continent of North America annexed to Canada, 1880.
2. Lord Kitchener's victory at Battle of Omdurman, 1898.
3. Gregorian Calendar, or New Style, introduced (3rd September became 14th) 1752.
   Russian fleet surrendered in the Tagus, 1808.
4. The Earl of Sandwich captured 12 men-of-war and 2 India ships, 1665.
   New Guinea made a protectorate, 1888.
   Alberta and Saskatchewan created provinces of Canada, 1905.
5. Queen Elizabeth born, 1533.
   Malta taken from France, 1800.
   Heligoland taken from the Danes, 1807.
6. The "Mayflower" sailed from Plymouth, 1620.
8. Danish fleet captured at Copenhagen, 1807.
   Fall of Sebastopol, 1855.
   Women's Franchise Bill passed, New Zealand, 1893.
10. New Zealand proclaimed a Dominion, 1907.
11. Marlborough's victory at Battle of Malplaquet, 1709.
12. St. Augustine landed in Britain, 597.
13. Plains of Abraham, Wolfe and Montcalm fell. Canada gained for Britain, 1759.
    French and Spaniards totally defeated in naval engagement in Bay of Gibraltar, 1782.
    Egyptians conquered at Tel-el-Kebir. Arabi Pasha crushed, 1882.
14. Nelson left Portsmouth for Trafalgar, 1805.
    Duke of Wellington died, 1852.
15. Liverpool and Manchester Railway opened, 1830.
16. Cape Town acquired from Dutch East India Co., 1795.
    Gen. Pollock entered Cabul, 1842.

16. Landing in Canada of the Prince and Princess of Wales on tour of the Empire, 1901.
18. Quebec surrendered to General Townshend, 1759.
    Java captured, 1811.
19. Edward III. defeated the French at Battle of Poitiers, 1356.
    Flag raised in Auckland, 1840.
    St. Clair Tunnel (Canada) opened, 1891.
20. Demerara captured by British, 1804.
    Russians beaten at the Alma, 1854.
    Delhi relieved (fourteen weeks' siege) 1857.
21. Sir Walter Scott died, 1832.
    South Australia erected into a province, 1834.
22. English and Dutch defeated Spaniards at Zutphen. Death of Sir Philip Sidney, 1586.
23. Mahrattas conquered by Sir Arthur Wellesley at Assaye, 1803.
    General Nicholson died at Delhi, after victory at Nujuffghur, 1857.
24. First Ecclesiastical Conference held at Lambeth, 1867.
25. Capture of U. S. troops attacking Montreal, 1775.
    Havelock relieved Lucknow, 1857.
26. Admiral Collingwood born, 1748.
27. First railway in England opened, 1825.
28. Blake defeated Dutch under Von Tromp, 1652.
29. Clive born, 1725.
    Nelson born, 1758.
30. Lord Roberts ("Bobs") born, 1832.
    Fiji Islands annexed, 1874.

"The game's afoot;
Follow your spirit, and upon this charge
Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!' "

—Shakespeare.

OCTOBER.

2. First meeting of Legislature of Nova Scotia (inaugurating policy of British Colonial self-government), 1758.
3. Submission of the tribes in the Swat Valley, 1877.
5. Tecumseh killed at Moraviantown, 1813.
6. Tennyson died, 1892.
7. McClure announced the discovery of the North-West Passage, 1853.
8. Lord Roberts captured Cabul, 1879.
9. "Defender of the Faith" first used as title by English monarchs, 1521.
   The Soulanges Canal (1435 miles of navigation in Canada) opened, 1899.
10. New South Wales Lancers left for South Africa, 1899.
11. Pondicherry taken by the English, 1778.
    Admiral Duncan's victory off Camperdown, 1797.
    Maori chiefs appointed to Legislative Council, New Zealand, 1872.
12. Columbus landed in the Bahamas, 1492.
    Sir George Rooke defeated French fleet at Vigo, 1702.
    Pekin taken by allied English and French armies, 1860.
13. Canadians defeated U. S. troops at Queenston Heights. Sir Isaac Brock killed, 1812.
14. Battle of Hastings. The last invasion of England, 1066.
    Columbus discovered America, 1492.
    Victory off Finisterre, won by Hawke, who captured 7 men-of-war, 1747.
    Siege of Gibraltar raised by Howe's fleet, 1782.
15. Napoleon, as a prisoner, landed at St. Helena, 1815.
17. Sir Charles Beresford at Pekin, 1898.
18. Great Durbar held in India (604 Princes), 1864.
    Marconi sent first Canadian messages by wireless telegraphy, 1907.
19. French squadron captured by Hood, 1806.

20. Admiral Codrington's naval victory at Navarino, 1827.
21. Battle of Trafalgar. Death of Nelson, 1805.
22. Basutos defeated, 1881.
23. Oude conquered by Munro at Battle of Buxar, 1764.
24. English monarchs first assumed the royal title, "King of Great Britain," 1604.
    Transvaal proclaimed a British Colony, 1900.
25. At Agincourt, Henry V. with 15,000 beat French with 100,000, 1415.
    Charge of the Light and Heavy Brigades at Balaclava. Russians beaten, 1854.
    Cession of Fiji by native chiefs, 1874.
26. Alfred the Great died, 901.
    Battle of Chateauguay, won by De Salaberry, 1813.
27. Griqualand, S.A., made a Colony, 1871.
28. Royal Exchange opened by Queen Victoria. (First building opened by Elizabeth 1571), 1848.
30. First Canadian Contingent sailed from Quebec for Cape Town, 1899.

Men of England! who inherit
Rights that cost your sires their blood!
Men whose undegenerate spirit
Has been proved on field and flood:—

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Yet, remember, England gathers
Hence but fruitless wreaths of fame,
If the freedom of your fathers
Glow not in your hearts the same.

—Thos. Campbell.

NOVEMBER.

1. English Crown assumed government of India, 1858.
2. Dominica discovered, 1493.
3. Two English war vessels defeated 29 Chinese war junks, 1839.
   Acre bombarded with small loss. Egyptians lost 2,000 killed and 3,000 prisoners, 1840.
   Relief of Ladysmith, 1899.
4. Sir Richard Strachan's naval victory over French, 1805.
5. English captured 5 French men-of-war, 1704.
   Russians defeated at Inkerman, 1854.
   Natal made separate Colony, 1856.
6. Maoris defeated, 1860.
   Bechuanaland made a protectorate, 1875.
7. Admiral Benbow died from his wounds, Jamaica, 1802.
   Dominion Parliament first met, 1867.
   Canadian Pacific Railway completed, 1885.
   Zanzibar made a protectorate, 1890.
8. Milton died, 1674.
   Infamous "Trent" episode. Confederate delegates seized, 1861.
9. King Edward born, 1841.
   Sir Colin Campbell won Battle of Secunderabad, 1857.
11. U. S. troops defeated at Battle of Chrysler's Farm, 1813.
12. Grand Trunk Railway from Quebec to Toronto, 850 miles, opened, 1856.
15. Joint monument erected in Quebec to Wolfe and Montcalm, 1827.
16. Suez Canal partially opened, 1869.
17. Accession of Queen Elizabeth, 1558.
    Sir Colin Campbell relieved Lucknow, 1857.
18. The Duke of Wellington interred in St. Paul's Cathedral, 1852.
    Subsidy granted by Imperial Government to mail and cable service, Canada, 1875.
    Imperial Preference Trade Bill passed by New Zealand, 1903.

19. Cape of Good Hope discovered by Vasco da Gama, 1422.
    The Crown assumed control over Hudson's Bay Company's territory, 1869.
20. Admiral Hawke defeated French in Quiberon Bay and prevented invasion of England, 1759.
    Maoris defeated at Kangariri, 1863.
21. Capture of Portobello, 1739.
    Surrender of Cumoona, India, 1807.
    Naval Defence Act passed, Victoria, Australia, 1887.
    Thanksgiving Day inaugurated in Canada, 1895.
22. Clive died, 1774.
24. Tasman discovered Tasmania, 1642.
    Havelock died at Lucknow, 1857.
    The Sirhind Canal, India, (502 miles for irrigation to avert famines) opened, 1882.
    Gen. Wingate defeated the Khalifa's forces in the Soudan, 1899.
25. England purchased the Khedive's shares in the Suez Canal, 1875.
    Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise arrived in Canada, 1878.
    First Australian warship launched, 1889.
26. First Parliament elected, Victoria, Australia, 1857.
28. U. S. troops repulsed at Fort Erie, 1812.
    Mandalay captured, 1885.
29. Battle of the Modder River, 1899.
30. St. Andrew's Day.
    Pacific Cable—Canada to Australasia—completed, 1902.

"*Across the seas on every strand*
The bones of men bleach white,
The sign-posts of our Motherland!
Stand fast, O Guards of right."
—Punch.

DECEMBER.

1. Queen Alexandra born, 1844.
2. Mauritius taken from France, 1810.
   Labuan occupied, 1846.
4. French fleet destroyed by Duke of York (James II.) 130 of enemy destroyed at Bordeaux, 1664.
   Queensland made a province, 1859.
8. Canton bombarded, 1857.
9. Federation of Australasian Colonies except N. S. Wales and New Zealand, 1885.
   Naval Defence Bill passed without division by New Zealand providing a Dreadnought for the Royal Navy, 1909.
   Australia cabled order to Admiralty for battleship cruiser, 1909.
12. City of Sydney, Australia, offers Government £40,000 cash for Naval College for Australian Squadron, 1909.
13. Tasman discovered New Zealand, 1642.
14. Wireless telegraphy acknowledged as an assured fact, [1901.
17. Zululand annexed, 1891.
18. Sikhs defeated at Moodkee, 1845.
19. Fort Niagara captured from U. S. troops, 1808.
20. Pegu annexed to the Empire, 1852.
    Battle of Suakin, 1880.
21. Holkar, Chief of Scinde, finally subdued, 1817.
22. River Gambia Settlement made Crown Colony, 1888.
24. Treaty of Ghent ended War of 1812, 1814.
25. Vasco da Gama discovered Natal, 1497.
    Gold currency in India adopted, 1864.
    Telegraph between England and Cape Town accomplished, 1879.
26. Constitutional Government, division into Upper and Lower Canada, 1791.
    Postage in Canada reduced from 3 cents to 2 cents, 1898.
27. First Ontario Assembly began, 1867.
    Perak came under Crown control, 1875.

DECEMBER.

28. South Australia proclaimed a Colony, 1836.
29. Battle of Maharajpoor, 1843.
31. Charter granted to East India Company, 1600.
    Assault on Quebec repulsed by Sir Guy Carleton, 1775.
31. Decimal system of money adopted, Canada, 1857.

There's a breathless hush in the close to-night,
Ten to make and the match to win;
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in.
And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,
But the captain's hand on his shoulders smote,
"Play up! Play up! and play the game!"

The sand of the desert is sodden red,
Red with the wreck of a square that's broke;
The Gatling's jammed and the Colonel dead,
And the regiment's blind with the dust and smoke.
The river of death has brimmed its banks,
And England's far and honour a name;
But the voice of a schoolboy rallies the ranks—
"Play up! Play up! and play the game!"

This is the word that year by year,
While in her place this school is set,
Every one of her sons must bear,
And none that bears it dare forget.
This they all with a joyful mind,
Bear through life like a torch of flame,
And falling fling to the host behind—
"Play up! Play up! and play the game!"

—Newbolt.

BRITISH COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES.

The Empire on Which the Sun Never Sets.

	Area.	*Est. Pop.*
Europe		44,650,000.
British Isles	121,391	
Gibraltar	2	
Malta	119	
Channel Islands	75	
Isle of Man	220	
Asia		305,000,000.
India (British)	1,560,160	
Straits Settlements	1,472	
Ceylon	25,365	
North Borneo	31,106	
Sarawak	50,000	
British New Guinea	90,540	
Hong-Kong	30	
Labuan	30	
Africa		41,700,000
British Central Africa	251,000	
British East Africa	1,000,000	
British South Africa	600,000	
Niger, Coast Protectorate		
Egypt	400,000	
Gold Coast	29,401	
Sierra Leone	13,000	
Gambia	2,769	
Mauritius	713	
Seychelles	160	
St. Helena	47	
Lagos	1,069	
Zanzibar	985	

	Area.	*Est. Pop.*
America		7,102,000
Canada	3,406,542	
Newfoundland	42,000	
Bermuda	19	
British Guiana	109,000	
Falkland Isles	6,500	
Honduras	6,400	
Bahamas	4,466	
Jamaica	4,193	
Trinidad	1,754	
Windward Islands	784	
Leeward Islands	665	
Turk's Island	169	
Australasia		5,260,000
Australia (the 5 colonies)	2,944,628	
Tasmania	26,215	
New Zealand	104,458	
Fiji	7,740	
Tonga	374	
Antarctic		
South Georgia	1,500	

The total area of the British Empire is nearly 11,400,000 square miles, with a total population of about 410,000,000. The known surface of the globe is estimated at 55,000,000 square miles, and its total population is believed to be about 1,800,000,000; so that the British Empire occupies approximately 21 per cent., or more than one-fifth of the earth's surface, and its population is in the proportion of 22 per cent., or over one-fifth, of the inhabitants of the globe. The total revenue exceeds £400,000,000, the debt totals over £1,500,000,000, and the trade exceeds £1,600,000,000. Railways to the extent of 90,000 miles have been opened, and 12,160,000 net tons of shipping sail under the British flag, while nearly 265,000,000 tons enter and clear annually at British ports.

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